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City Council certifies wet-dry petition - vote set for June 7th

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The Elba City Council met in special session Tuesday night, May 3rd,

to handle such items as certifying the wet-dry petition submitted to the city last week.

The official list contained names of 452 verified Elba citizens. Only

337 were needed to get the issue on the ballot.

The official call for the June 7th wet-dry election is published in this issue of *The Elba Clipper*.

Several question about wet-dry is sure to pose to City Attorney Mark Vaughan by the mayor and city council members.

He explained that the council must postpone the election at the next regular meeting after the names were certified. All citizens who were certified will be allowed to vote at the election.

The hearing scheduled last Friday morning before Circuit Judge Terry Butts on the restraining order was held earlier in the day.

The temporary restraining order was in the name of the City of Elba and was issued on signed complaints by council members Bill Brunson and John Nichols. It originated from Mayor Ricky Haywood firing new City Clerk James Nichols (or any other city employee). It also prevented Haywood from interfering with the City Clerk performing his duties. The hearing was held the morning after being appointed by the city council only to have Haywood assign him to the landfill to count trucks and estimate the amount of trash in each vehicle. This was an assignment Nichols didn't like and he subsequently resigned for not being on the job. That suspension was followed by a temporary one.

The council members, Mayor Ricky Haywood and members for both sides, were called into conference by Butts before he started the official hearing on the matter. The judge explained he always tried to

get the parties involved to settle disputes before he had to rule in the case.

After about an hour and a half Butts announced he was issuing an order in accordance with the agreement reached by all parties.

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The order signed by Butts reads: "By agreement and stipulation of parties and their attorneys the Temporary Restraining Order to remain in effect until the hearing upon motion of either party. The defendant is granted the right to further argue and be heard on defendant's motion to dissolve the plaintiff's application for permanent injunction."

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Summertime weather is fast arriving throughout the South. This means that when a motorist parks an automobile, rolls up the windows and locks the doors... it is going to get hot in that vehicle. A pet peeve of ours is those who put up a sun shield in the front window and expose those words "Need Help? Call Police." They don't realize that by doing that all the time, they neutralize the benefit of the sign if they really need it. We try to let folks run their business and we will run ours but... this act has caused us to be openly critical of a motorist when we see it happening. In other words we fussed at them!

We are excited about the announcement last week from Dorsey Trailers that they have broken ground for a plant expansion. The company folks are playing this kinda close to the vest but they deserve our congratulations. Not only will this mean additional jobs in Elba, it is designed to help produce trailers more efficiently. That converts to lower prices, which converts into more sales and right back to more job security for those employees who are ready at work. Hey, we like it.

There are studies underway to find out why some folks are fat. We read recently of a study trying to determine why fat parents have fat children. One thing they are checking is the make up of the air coming from the lungs of a sleeping child, like maybe it is because of poor oxygen absorption during sleep. Anyway, the consumption of more food than needed isn't the reason for the lifetime of a spreading waistline in this corner... it may be because my grandmother's weight was above the medically recommended ideal for her height... in other words she was fat.

We think it is very fitting that an reception will be held in Elba on May 15 honoring State Representative Jimmy Holley for his many years of service to the people of Coffee County and all Alabama. We hope many, many of our friends and neighbors around the county take time to attend the reception this afternoon and personally thank Jimmy... maybe we should sympathetic with his wife Mary and their two children. He missed a lot of those "quality times" with his family while working for Coal Council.

A television news program last week condemned the popcorn served in movie theaters. According to that report the delicious popcorn which is synonymous with picture shows, is all loaded with stuff that is bad for our heart and blood vessels. Immediately movie theater companies began denying their popcorn included all that fat cooking oil, etc. We don't expect to see any major drop in the consumption of popcorn but do expect more snack bars to stay away from the fattening type cooking oils.

People who want to live in "nice neighborhoods" have a valid argument. Just look what happened in Montgomery last week. A man was killed by a stray bullet while sitting in his living room. A 17 year old neighbor was arrested for the killing. Of course this can happen in any neighborhood, but when reading of people who sleep on the floor and eat out of paper plates because all the shooting outside Americans just shudder. We don't wish for much from the "good ol' days" but the days of unlocked doors and open windows were much more peaceful.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Traffic Rotaries: Good for Alabama?

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While traffic rotaries are not familiar to most people in the Southeast, a recent visit to England convinced me that they are a low cost traffic control alternative for many intersections in the U.S. are not familiar with them, nor are they intimidating even to motorists.

After a three hour train ride to London and a three hour train ride to Elba, my wife and I arrived in Chester, a beautiful old Roman town just south of Liverpool. With no stops, 24 hours (thanks to a blizzard through the night), we were too fatigued to brave driving a motor vehicle on the British roads. So we took a short stroll to the town center.

The first thing of interest that we encountered was a 3-way intersection with no traffic lights and no stop signs. It was late afternoon and traffic was light. We stood and marveled at the way cars traversed the intersection, often without hesitation, using no stop signs, driving straight across, and turning right for the 20 minutes or so we observed.

The only traffic control appeared to be a three or four foot diameter circle painted on the pavement at the center of the intersection. All the drivers we saw had avoided the circle, as if it was a block of granite.

Later in the trip we met a friend who was serving in the U.S. Air Force. She was assigned to Elba about a year, she is experienced at driving her own car and navigating Britain's complex roads.

For three days she easily navigated rotaries we encountered, often with hardly any slowing from our cruising speed (providing there was no interfering traffic, of course), with only one or two missed exits

and one due to poor navigation, which was my responsibility.

I was most impressed by the widespread use of rotaries, which are called "Traffic Circles" in the United States. I have encountered them only in Washington, D.C., Boston, and a few small New England towns. Since most drivers in the U.S. are not familiar with them, rotaries can be intimidating even to motorists.

From observing rotaries, however, I am an energy engineer that they offer several advantages to our transportation system. First, they stop traffic using lighted signals, stop signs, and one way stops and yield signs. For example,

* There is less wasted fuel, such as occurs when cars travelling at different speeds are forced to stop at a red signal, then accelerate to cruising speed.

* There is less air pollution because rotaries significantly reduce idling time.

* There is less wasted time, such as that spent waiting at red lights when there is nothing crossing the intersection.

The rules of traffic rotaries are simple. Signs on approach roads provide a map of where the driver can enter the rotary. All the drivers we saw avoided the circle, as if it was a block of granite.

Adapting to rotaries would require some education and adjustment of familiar driving habits. By comparison, the cost of roundabouts is acceptable, and the cost of installing a rotary is negligible.

There are other benefits to rotaries which are obvious even to a casual observer. English traffic professionals consider them at a starting place compared to stop signs and traffic lights. They are also good for the environment.

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Hooks - Adams wedding held February 26th

John Edward Hooks and Sonya Renee Adams were united in holy matrimony on February 26, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. in a candlelight ceremony at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Ponchatoula, LA. The Rev. Mark Anthony Williams officiated the double ring ceremony.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Adams of Ponchatoula, CA. The parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Hooks of Elba, Alabama.

The church was decorated with seventeen heart shaped candleabras, seven red eucalyptus trees, a star and three in the middle. The reserve pews and guest pews were decorated with violet, purple, and white sprayed roses with greenery and violet and white silk ribbons.

The heart shaped aisle was decorated with strings of pearls, beads, and purple, white and pink sprayed roses.

A large organ, piano and violin was presented by Anthony Green, pianist and instrumentalist with "Ribbon in the Sky" and Jenette Woodward singing "You and I" and "Inseparable".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Mr. Jimmie Adams, wore a white silk gown accented with white silk vine lace, seed pearl and hand beaded leg warmer sleeves featured motifs of silver, ice lace and ended with tulle panels over the wrists. Her basque fitting sweetheart bodice was embellished with iridescent. The sheath skirt accentuated the bust and extended into a semi-circular length train encircled with a scalloped border of silk and lace. The deep scalloped back was enhanced with a canary yellow-shaped silk bow and matching pearls. The bride wore a cascading veil with roses, Queen Anne lace with short white silk streamers. The bride's veil and blusher were white silk with white lace. Rev. Mark Anthony Williams gave the invocation at the beginning of the ceremony.

Shawn Nottingham served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kelli Adams, Charlene Elmore, Monique Guletteau, and Sandra Prior. The flower girl was Brittan Adams, Denise Franson, Crystal Minniefield, Cecily Wade, and Crystal Hallman.

Jonathan Darian Hooks served as ring bearer. Ushers were Karen Wade, Joyce Pratt, Curtis John, and Dennis Jr.

Custodian attendant was Debbie Pratt, Curtis John, and Wesley Elmore.

During the ceremony, a reception was held at the Ponchatoula Lodge in California. Host and hostess for the reception were Kelli Adams, Charlene Elmore; and Morris Elmore.

The bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Hooks of Elba, AL.

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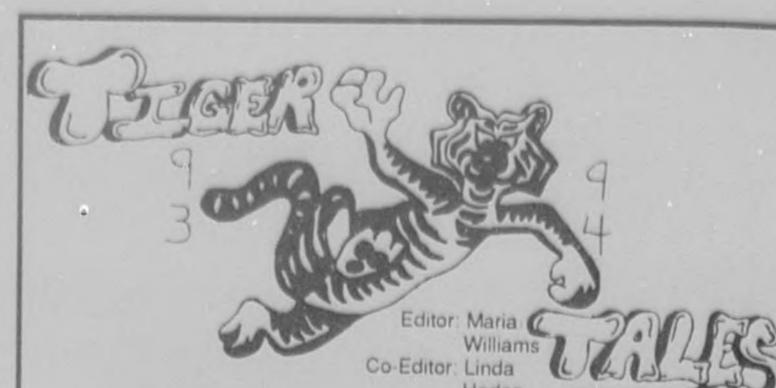
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ELBA CITY SCHOOLS
LUNCHROOM MENUS
May 9-13, 1994

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cereal, Milk
Tuesday - Toad Eggs, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit, Juice, Milk
Friday - Pancakes, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Pizza, Corn, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Milk
Wednesday - Barbecue, Slaw, Rice, Bread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Chicken Fingers, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potatoes, Bread, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday - Hamburger, Potato Tots, Dill, Fruit, Milk



CO-OP SPOTLIGHT

EHS CURRENTS

by Molly Mills & Dana Stinson

* Juniors who would be interested in attending the Alabama Girls and Boys State this summer should see Mr. Camley ASAP!

* The FFA Banquet will be held on May 17 at 7:00.

* Students interested in applying for PALS Class next year should see Mrs. D. Clark for an application.

* Juniors who are interested in running for an office for next year please see Mrs. D. Clark or Mrs. Ogs.

* Girls - Applications for the 1995 Jr. Miss Scholarship are available in the office. See Mrs. Baker for more information.

* The annual EHS Prom will be held on May 13, 1994 at the high school gym. *The annual All Sports Banquet will be held on May 17 at 7:30 in the high school commons area.

Counselor's Corner

by Cory Driggers & Gina Bedsole

The N.T. Morgan Scholarship Award is a \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to you. It is open to seniors for high school seniors who will or are planning to attend an accredited post secondary institution. Applications don't have to demonstrate financial need; spousal other sources of financial aid. See Mr. Carley for more information.

Alabama A&M University summer minimum science training programs are designed to provide science enrichment and/or research experiences to help prepare minority students to consider future science careers. There are several eligibility requirements that must be met and more information can be obtained from Mr. Carnley.

LUNCHTIME POLL

by FaBreka Tillis & LaShawn Russell

This week's question is: "What do you like most about Elba High School?"

Maria Marion: "I like the teachers."

Angela Austin: "I like being a member of the SGA."

Mrs. Little: "I like nice students."

Pearl Jackson: "I like Mrs. Bandstra."

Ruby Owens: "I like the Special Olympics program."

Dawn Daniel: "I like the gym."

Catherine Carpenter: "I like everything."

Rondon McBride: "I like the assembly programs."

Amy Patel: "I like my favorite teachers."

Jamie Money: "I like girls."

Troy Caldwell: "I like the gym."

Donna Deboer: "I like my band."

Auto Mechanics Repair Tractor



Pictured above (l to r) are Jamie Money, Dianna Hill, Shey Hammonds, Diana Jackson, and Matthew Walker.

VICA Convention

by Linda Hodge

Friday, April 22, 1994, was not a normal day for the students of Elba High School's students. Instead of bringing books to school, these girls brought suitcases, because they may ask, "Well, they were going to school?"

Linda Hodge, Amy Patel, Jamie Money, and Diana Hill Walker were the four VICA officers to attend the annual VICA State Convention. The young ladies enjoyed swimming, fishing, playing softball, and playing basketball for the Lady Tigers, where she plays third base and pitcher. Diana also enjoys going to church to listen to her father preach and teach. She attends the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mattie Faris: Mattie is the wife of Phil and Suzy Faris and is in the eighth grade. He enjoys being involved with both the 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Team and showing 4-H, FFA, FHA, Jr. Beta Club, and Chi Alpha Mu. He attends the Liberty High School.

Jamie Money: Jamie is the son of Rufus and Penny Money. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing. Jamie is a member of the Elba Special Olympics Team which holds state championships in swimming, basketball, and track and field.

Shey Hammonds: Shey is the daughter of Sandra Hammonds and Jimmie Taylor. She plays football, riding bikes, and being with friends. She is a member of the V.F. football team and attends Shady Grove AME Church.

Diana Jackson: Diana is the daughter of Junior and Diana Jackson. She enjoys horseshoeing, reading, swimming, and playing the saxophone in the EHS band. She is a member of Jr. Beta Club, SADD, and 4-H.

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ESJC Math Contest

by Maria Williams

Two weeks ago, the Elba High School students and faculty attended the Thirteenth Annual Math Competition at the Junior College, Friday, April 15, 1994. The purpose of the contest was to recognize outstanding mathematics students and to foster interest in mathematics among high school students.

Elba High is very proud of the following students who were selected to attend the competition.

Algebra I: Bonnie Vaughan, William Morrow, Branda Faris, Misty Kelley, Jennifer Daniel, and Elizabeth Daniel.

Geometry: Paul Morris, Robbie Coleman, Jason Jordan, Trent Calhoun, D'Wayne Peterson, and Emily Crowe.

Algebra II: Jarrett Addison, Wendy Howell, Melinda Hall, Mary Margaret Jacobs, Costella Lawrence, and Jenny Ross.

Advanced Math: Anna Givens, Tiffany Burke, Cary Clark, Dawn Grimes, Heather Lawford, and Elena Strong.

Mr. Math: Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Mazyk, sponsor of the Math team, sent ten students to the competition.

Students: All students who attended the competition were given timed multiple choice exams in their subject areas. Each student was awarded a certificate of achievement.

Results: The top three students in each category were chosen to represent Elba High at the state competition.

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Views from
The Pressbox
 By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know that girls' lives get a little busy sometimes when they get to be eleven-years-old. Friday afternoon her Grandparents, Fred and Melba, and her Great Uncle, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, came to town for a visit, while Friday night one of Melissa's friends joined the crowd and spent the night. Saturday morning Melissa spent the night away from home with a different friend, and then Sunday she was ice skating in Montgomery with some kids from the church. When she gets my age she'll realize that weekends are also a good time to get a little rest!

ELBA TIGERS SURVIVE OPENING ROUND SCARE

The Elba Tigers were expected to have an easy time with first round playoff opponent Geneva last Saturday afternoon, but something forced the Panthers, as Geneva jumped ahead early and saw a late rally fall short.

Geneva, the Area 3王者, had taken advantage of some clutch hitting and a quick 2-0 lead that it held until midway through the game, when Elba came from behind to score two runs and take the deficit and the rainy weather, and pulled within 3-3, then led the bases loaded in the top of the 7th.

Elba had won its first three games in a row before the playoff opener, but saw its bats go silent and could have easily been beaten in the first round. Pitcher Cory Driggers gave up a couple of hits and two striking eyes single to allow Geneva to take the early lead, however. Driggers never came up short again and battled and batted in the game, when Chas Hudson came in to mop up the win and get the save. The Elba pitchers did their jobs and deserve much of the credit for the win.

The Tigers had to be making noise in late-season action, but fell after Saturday and the lack of offense, and almost had the Tigers packing away the equipment. Elba's Josh Caldwell and Keith Grantham had key hits to spark the four-run uprising, and were able to be enough to win, but not nearly enough to put away the pesky Panthers.

Several years ago the Elba football team got spoiled to winning games in the off-season, and many of them for granted, and last weekend the Tiger baseball team almost fell into that trap. Maybe the early scare will serve as a wake-up call and get the Tigers back on track. If the team takes more than potential to win games, and the time has come for the Tigers to stand up and be counted, or to sit down and unface their spikes.

FORMER TIGERS HAVE BIG GAMES AT TSU FINALE

Troy State University had a spring game last weekend and Elba's Jack Staudenmeier and Bryce Johnson had carried the praises of Coach Larry Blakney after the game. Staudenmeier, a 6-2, 275-pound defensive lineman, made his presence known throughout the game and has taken the step into the starting line-up, while Phillips, a 5'9, 185-pound, defensive lineman all around the ball and was easily one of the bright spots of the game, despite having only two official stops.

The Elba duo have more than their marks at Troy State this spring and you can bet next year both will play valuable roles for the Trojans in their quest for the Division IAA title.

KINSTON BULLDOGS HAVE SPECTACULAR SEASON

The Kinston Bulldogs fielded their first baseball team in years this spring and made quite a name for themselves before being ousted Saturday in the IAA playoffs by defending-state champion C.W. Long 5-3.

The Bulldogs had several players that had grown up playing Little League and Bally League ball in Opp, and the experience showed as the Bulldogs battled every opponent down the wire and finished the season with a 12-9 record. Next season Kinston will have its own field to play on, and with the excitement created by this year's team, the Bulldogs should be a team to watch in the small school ranks.

ON THE GRILL, ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

* * * The Atlanta Braves continued to have their problems last week, and now here comes another serious contender for the National League crown, much to the relief of the Braves' fans. For the Braves recent losses are many, but perhaps the easiest to swallow is that the fans aren't playing fundamental baseball in the field. Atlanta has the best pitching staff in baseball, but maybe the staff has been so good that the team has been able to let some weaknesses slide. It's still too early to get too upset by the team's woos; however, the losses have let the Braves, their coaches, and their fans know that it is a long season and one or two hot streaks won't give the team the crown.

* * * School playoffs are money makers in all sports; however, the baseball playoffs are a good indication of how the players aren't really best for anyone involved. The team that wins the state tournament isn't the state, and this Wednesday were scheduled to play round two, pedros getting back to work on Saturday in round three. The semifinals will be held the following week and will be a best-of-three, while the finals won't be held until the next week. There may be a best-of-three, while the final round would be eliminated or the brackets should be drawn to dictate graphical opponents meeting in early rounds, which would allow more games to be played quicker.

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SPORTS

Tigers score 4 runs in fourth inning rally

Elba slips past Geneva 4-3 in playoff opener

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Geneva come out ready to play and surprised Elba by coming out to a quick 2-0 lead. The Panthers used two singles and a walk to load the bases in the top of the first inning, then got a one-out single that drove in two runs and staked the Panthers to an early 2-0 advantage.

The Tigers had failed to even get

a runner on base in the opening three innings, but suddenly came to life in the bottom of the fourth and punched a 4-2 lead!

A leadoff single by Chris Hudson ignited the Tiger rally, and pinch-runner Perry Stinson raced home one batter later when Josh Caldwell

ripped a double to the fence. Keith Grantham followed with an infield hit to give the Tigers runners on first and second and a chance to score, and when Caldwell scored on a wild pitch the Tigers had pulled even at 2-2.

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End regular season with 7-7 record

Tigers win one, lose one in final week

The Elba Tigers won one and lost one last week to close out the regular season with a 7-7 record.

The Tigers dropped a hard fought 6-3 game against the Opp Bobcats, but rebounded well to win the regular season closer over defending IAA state champ G.W. Long 6-4.

Following are highlights of the final regular season games:

OPP, 6

The Opp Bobcats pushed across a run on a throwing error in the bottom of the eleventh inning to claim a 6-5 win over the Elba Tigers.

The Bobcats, the Class 4A, Area 3 champs, moved out to a 2-0 lead over Elba with single runs in the first and second innings, but watched as the Tigers scored two runs in the fifth and sixth to pull even at 2-2.

Elba's first run, in the fifth, came when Chas Hudson reached on a walk, moved up on a single by Keith Grantham and later scored on a fielder's choice.

The Tigers needed to score to avoid a shutout, and after two runs in the top of the ninth, they scored two runs and went ahead for the first time in a 3-2 win.

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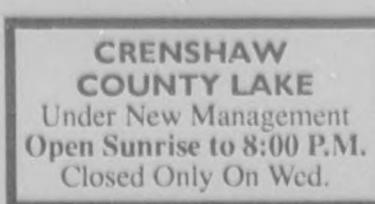
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May Birthdays

New Prince: May 8-Tiffiny Kelley; May 9: Milton Edward Belcher; May 10: Ernestine Kelley; May 25: and Estella Williams; May 26.

Board Meeting

The Pike Union District Association Board Meeting will be held May 7, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Brundidge, AL. Rev. M. Powell is pastor, Rev. E.D. Glass is moderator, and Shirley L. Tolbert is corresponding secretary.

A Special Week of Services

A special week of services begins the 110th anniversary of the Methodist Church in Elba, AL. Rev. L.C. McMillan pastor, began May 2 and will continue through Sunday, May 8, 1994. The services begin at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday night service.

As a retired teacher she spends much of her time working in the gardens, flower beds, attending church and sorority meetings and substitute teaching at Zion Chapel.

Choir Anniversary
The Choir of the Church of the Living Christ, McKenzie, AL, celebrated their Anniversary on Sunday, May 1, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. The Rocky Head Ensemble of Elba, AL was guest choir. Those attending.

Benefit Program

The members of White Water Missionary Baptist Church of Troy, AL., Rev. Julius Kennedy, pastor, will be sponsoring a Benefit Program for the White Water Electric Cooperative Thursday, May 11, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith is a 17 year old student at Pike County High School in Brundidge, AL.

All choir, soloists, members and friends are asked to attend this program.

For more information call: Mr. Betty Bell at (205) 735-2488; Mr. Ann Richards at (205) 735-1949; Mr. Marion Dixson at (205) 566-6766; Mrs. Ruthie Harris at (205) 735-2111; Mrs. Murkian Bean at (205) 735-2971.

Spring Youth Revival
The Annual Spring Youth Revival will begin at Clay Hill Baptist Church, J.C. Fryer, pastor, for County, AL (Coffee County Road 308), May 11-13, 1994 at 7:15 nightly.

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Books, Books, Books, And More Books

by Sara K. Miller
Books are funny, books are sad,
Books make you happy when you are mad.
Books are new, books are old, they tell stories that are as valuable as gold.
Books are great! Books are grand!
You can make believe you're in a haunted house.
So curl up with a book one day,
Or become a fancy lady with such grace.
Maybe you'd like to read about a haunted house.
Or you could read about a very tiny mouse.
All you have to do is choose which book is right for you.
Climb aboard and hang on tight because this book is out of sight.

Bookfair Rap

by Brandy Davis, 4th Grade
Listen to the rhythm of this book beat.

There's going to be a bookfair just next week.
So get you mother and be sure to bring your brother.

Bring them down to the big book fair.
We're gonna have a book here and there,

So you just better be prepared.

What Do You See?

by Rachel Bludsworth,
Mrs. Shirley's 4th Grade Class
When you read a book what do you see?
When you look in a book what do you see?

You see a book, you see a book staring at me.
When you look in a book what do you see?

I see an apple tree pretty as can be.
When you look in a scary book, what do you see? I see vampires after me.

When you look in a book what do you see?

I see a silly lion laughing at me. So don't you see, when you open a book you'll find me.

Retreat

by Conny Cooper,
Mrs. Smith's 6th Grade Class
Poetry is coming at you from every direction.
Stress pushes down on you like a boulder.

Why can't we stop to enjoy life?
It's not in this competitive world we can't waste time.

Then we find it's time to open up a book.
We turn to the character.

Living though all it's trials and tribulations.

Laughing with it.

Crying with it.

Visiting unimaginable places.

Having wonderful adventures.

Savoring sweet romances.

Solving gothic mysteries.

Then we put down the book.

And run off to the bustle and bustle.

But somehow a little stronger.

We have the knowledge that life isn't so bad after all,

And when pressures begin to build,

We can always retreat to a book.

Mrs. Johnson's 5th Grade Class

I live in a family of six.

Five need their heads fixed.

It gets so noisy, I sneak to a Peaceful place.

Just my book and me!

by Chelsea Cooper,
Mrs. Price's 4th Grade Class

What Is A Book?

by Kimberly Ward,
Mrs. Ward's 5th Grade Class
What is a book?

Is it pages filled with rages?

What is a book?

Is it a cover with lots to discover?

What is a book?

Is it a lot of autographs in paragraphs?

What is a book?

Is a lot of rhymes of memorable poems?

What is a book?

To be it can be anything you want it to be.

Books are red.

Books are blue.

Stories are true.

Poems are new.

Candy is sweet.

Books are neat.

I can be glad.

Books can be sad.

Books are red.

Books are blue.

Books are all colors.

But they're still books.

Books are long.

Books are short.

Books are in shapes.

Books are all shapes and colors.

by Kevin Tyson,
Mrs. Brazelton's 4th Grade Class

GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

Bernice Clay of Elba demonstrated

to sixth graders the art of decorating eggs.

Students in Mrs. Crowe's reading

class used plastic eggs, wrapping paper, glitter, and a mixture of glue

and water to make eggs to decorate an egg tree in the school library.



Art Williams & Toby visit Elba Elementary School recently

Art Williams, an Elba High School graduate, came to visit the Elba Elementary School library during his spring break from Troy University. Being a ventriloquist, Art brought along his special friend Toby, who spoke to the student about himself and how he and Art began their career together. Art explained that reading a book from the

library sparked his interest in ventriloquism. Toby brought several puppets to show the students how puppets are made and how they make learning fun. Watching the students as they listed to Toby and Art was enjoyable. Mr. Doggett, media specialist, and Mrs. Tammie, library aide, requested Art and Toby to visit and to share their art and music talents with the students.

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KINSTON AJAS NEWS

The Alabama Junior Academy of Science at Kinston High School is active this spring, competing in the various regional and state competitions. On March 3, four students from AJAS placed in the science fair at Troy State University. In the mathematics division, Amber Spinks placed second with her paper, "Playing with Polynomials"; Josh Davis placed first with his paper, "Evaluation of Formula Integration in Spherical Trigonometry". In the humanities division, Alyssa Maloy placed second with "Can You Read This?" and third with "The Great Pyramid", both with her paper entitled, "Matter of Morality". All students qualified to read their papers at March 25 at the state AJAS competition.

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A Mother's Heart Speaks

The hand-cuffs dug into his wrist.
Through his hurt and anger,
He somehow made a fist.
He was just a boy.
But was treated like a man.
When the judge asked, "What's your plea?",
He didn't even understand.
His pleas, when he was younger,
Had gone unheard anyway.
So when they talk to him now,
He's got nothing much to say.

The first time he stood in front of a judge,
He was only twelve years old.
The little heart,
That was once full of love,
Began to grow cold.

He had been talking too much in class,
And misbehaving in the hall.
Instead of regarding this as
Trouble at home,
They decided to nail him to the wall.

The probation officer told him
The he would have to earn his trust,
And that would take some time.
But he never seemed to think
About this child's trust,
That adults had destroyed
As they tangled up his mind.

Tears ran down his face,
From the eyes that once shined so bright,
As he stared at the prison clothes,
He was forced to wear that night.
His hands and feet were both bound,
As he wondered
If anyone could push him much further down.

He's seen a lifetime of misery,
In just 14 short years.
But no one seems to notice,
All the hurt mixed in his tears.

by Dianne Duncan



STATE'S OLDEST AARP CHAPTER... Mrs. Idelle Whitman, a member of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Chapter #531, is pictured with a plaque Tuesday, April 19, at the regular monthly meeting and covered dish supper. The group met at the Senior Citizens Center in Elba. The plaque was presented by M. C. D. Hightower, AARP District Representative from Troy. Elba is the oldest Chapter in the Alabama and the plaque commemorates their 25th anniversary.

THE ELBA CLIPPER MAY 5, 1994

USDA announces support level by type for 1994 peanuts
The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has announced the average support levels by type, quality and for additional peanuts ton or less per short ton for the 1994 peanut crop.

The figures are based on national price support levels of \$678.36 per short ton for peanuts; \$32.00 per short ton for additional peanuts. The loan value for additional peanuts is 19.46% of the applicable quota that are produced in excess of the support level.

The quota established for a farm or on a farm that has no quota.

The quota support level by type for the 1994 peanut crop will be:

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